ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND MINUTES OF MEETING - CASES Tuesday, January 6, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Animal Control Board for Charles County, Maryland, was convened by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, Charles County Government Building, with the following Board members in attendance.

Andrew Parker, Chairman
Mandy Foreman, Vice-Chair
Sean Brown
Amanda Gibson
William Van Blarcum
Kristin Lake
Leigha Messick
Adam Storch, Associate County Attorney
Maria Team, Clerk

A quorum was declared based upon the presence of a majority of the appointed Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Animal Matters Hearing Board for December 16, 2014, were approved and adopted.

<u>Citation Nos. 6427, 6428 and 6429</u> – issued to Ronald Davis, Jr., 12054 Bayswater Court, Waldorf, Maryland 20602 for the alleged violation of Section 230.10.A, Section 230.8(6) and Section 230.9.A of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dogs "Roxy", ""Boo" and "Bo Bo". Mr. Davis was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Mr. Davis and Animal Control Officer Alison Budd. Mr. Davis denied being in violation of all charges for the three citations. Entered into evidence were eight photos marked AC Ex. 1.

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Vice-Chair made a motion to find Mr. Davis in violation for all three citations and fine him a total of \$750.00 and suspend the whole amount since all three dogs have been euthanized, and on the condition that he obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made by Sean Brown and the vote passed unanimously.

<u>Citation No. 6431 and 6432</u> – issued to Harold Stull, 861 Copley Avenue, Waldorf, Maryland 20601 for the alleged violation of Section 230.10.A, Section 230.12, and Section 230.9.A of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dogs "Bandit" and "Raven". Mr. Stull was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Mr. Stull and Animal Control Officer Alison Budd. Entered into evidence were three photos marked AC Ex. 1. Mr. Davis informed the Board that he was taking his two dogs to the rabies clinic at the Humane Society on January 11, 2015. The Chairman made a motion to continue this case until the next scheduled hearing on February 3, 2015 so he could provide proof of a current rabies certificate and a current license and to show what steps he has taken to keep the dogs on his property. A second was made by Mandy Foreman and the vote passed unanimously.

<u>Citation No. 6345</u> – issued to Adrian El Turner, 46558 Valley Court, Apt. 1015, Lexington Park, MD 20653 for the alleged violation of Section 230.8.A.(6) of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dog "Cosmo". Mr. Turner was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Mr. Turner and Animal Control Officer Jeff Gustafson. Entered into evidence were 11 photos marked AC Ex. 1.

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Vice Chairman made a motion to find Mr. Turner in violation of Section 8 of the Charles County Animal Regulations and fine him a total of \$100.00, suspending \$50.00 from that amount on the condition that he obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made by Bill Van Blarcum and the vote passed unanimously. The Board allowed Mr. Turner until the close of business on February 3, 2015 to satisfy the balance of \$50.00.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the hearing at 8:40 p.m.

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